

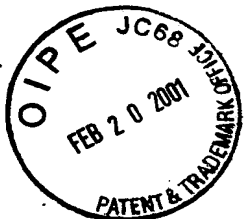
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In re Application of :

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For: THERMOPLASTIC COMPOSITIONS COMPRISING A CROSSLINKED PHASE

RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR ELECTION OF SPECIES

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 19, 2001, and the requirement for an election of species therein, applicants hereby elect the following species:

1. A specific species of the thermoplastic polymer ---> polyamide;
2. a specific species of the epoxide group containing component A ---> copolymer (copolymerized or cografted) of ethylene and glycidyl methacrylate;
3. a specific species of the carboxylic acid anhydride component B ---> copolymer (copolymerized or cografted) of ethylene and maleic anhydride; and,
4. a specific species of the carboxylic or aminocarboxylic acid component C ---> copolymer of ethylene and (meth)acrylic acid.

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The examiner is encouraged to examine the broadest possible scope of invention indicated

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by the elected species.

In accordance with M.P.E.P. §803.02, the examiner is reminded that, should no prior art be found which renders the invention of the elected species unpatentable, the search of the remainder of the generic claim(s) should be continued in the same application. It is improper for the PTO to refuse to examine in one application the entire scope of the claims therein unless they lack unity of invention. The generic claims herein have not been alleged to lack unity of invention.

Favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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